

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-7. (Canceled)

8. (New) A pedal security system for pedal mounting, particularly in motor vehicles, comprising:

a pedal rotatably mounted by means of a pedal axis;
an opening for receiving and retaining the pedal axis; and
an expandable slot connected to the opening and defining longer sides, the expandable slot comprising movable lateral walls along the slot longer sides, the movable lateral walls having a first position in which the lateral walls project into the expandable slot and a second position in which the lateral walls are moved out of the expandable slot, wherein the pedal axis engages the movable lateral walls and moves the lateral walls from the first position to the second position by exceeding a mechanical limit loading of the pedal axis, whereby the expandable slot receives the pedal axis.

9. (New) The pedal security system of claim 8, wherein a pushing element cooperates with the pedal axis to transmit a load to the pedal axis, thereby forcing the pedal axis into the expandable slot when the load exceeds the mechanical limit loading of the pedal axis.

10. (New) The pedal security system of claim 8, wherein the expandable slot defines a predetermined displacement path of the pedal axis.

11. (New) The pedal security system of claim 10, wherein the expandable slot is formed by an elongated hole which is partly closed by the moveable lateral walls projecting therein.

12. (New) The pedal security system of claim 11, wherein the moveable lateral walls are bent, dismounted, or pushed away from the expandable slot in response to the mechanical limit loading by the pedal axis.

13. (New) The pedal security system of claim 12, further including a spring coupled to the lateral walls, wherein the moveable lateral walls are pushed away by said pedal axis against a load of the spring.

14. (New) The pedal security system of claim 8, wherein said opening for receiving the pedal axis and said expandable slot are arranged in a pedal block.